(b) The details of the investigation cannot be disclosed since this will affect the ongoing investigation.

(c) The provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 are self sufficient to deal with such persons.

CVC instructions on e-Banking

2486. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CVC has issued instructions to Government departments to switch over to e-Banking by 2004, to control corruption and provide transparency in the system;

(b) if so, the details of these instructions;

(c) whether these instructions equally apply to all PSUs, and other offices under the jurisdiction of the CVC; and

(d) if so, the details of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The Commission has issued instructions *vide* its Office Order dated 6.4.2004 for implementation of e-payment and e-receipt for increasing transparency and cutting delays etc. in Government payments etc. The Commission has suggested that 100% payment transactions should be made through Electronic Clearing System and Electronic Fund Transfer mechanism by 31st December 2004. These instructions are equally applicable to Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks etc.

Action against employees of Kendriya Bhandar

2487. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI registered a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) against Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether (he CBI has also received complaints about holding disproportionate assets by some of the employees of the Kendriya Bhandar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) On the basis of a written complaint the CBI has registered a P.E. on 16.1.04 against unknown officials of Kendriya Bhandar.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Occupation of government accommodation by Kendriya Bhandar

2488. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Bhandar has now been registered under the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 but is still occupying the Government accommodation allotted to it in 1963 at Re. 1/- per month when it was a welfare project of the Central Government Employees to make available daily need items at controlled prices to its share holders only;

(b) whether the Kendriya Bhandar is now no longer a welfare project of Central Government Employees and they are not selling the daily need items at lower than the market prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Kendriya Bhandar continues to occupy Government accommodation allotted to it at token rent.

(b) It continues to be one of the major objectives of Kendriya Bhandar to supply items of daily needs to Central Government employees at reasonable rates.

(c) poes not arise.